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## **IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO FOR BREEDING SHEEP EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and individual identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

#### *Certificaciones*

1. The animals for export have been enrolled in the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program for at least 12 months prior to the date of export. The sheep originate from a flock where, during the 5 years prior to export, scrapie has been neither confirmed nor suspected .  
*Los animales son originarios de un rebaño que ha estado inscrito en el programa voluntario de scrapie durante un mínimo de 12 meses antes de la fecha de exportación. En el rebaño de donde se originan los ovinos a exportar no se han presentado casos ni sospechas de scrapie, durante los 5 años anteriores a la fecha de exportación.*
2. The animals were inspected and found to be free of any evidence of infectious or contagious diseases.  
*A la inspección previa a la exportación los ovinos no mostraron signos de enfermedades infectocontagiosas.*
3. The United States is free of *Boophilus* spp.  
*Los Estados Unidos es país libre de garrapata *Boophilus* spp..*
4. The animals have not been fed ruminant origin meat and bone meal.  
*Los animales no fueron alimentados con harinas de carne y hueso de origen rumiante.*
5. In the country of origin, there are animal health regulations that forbid the feeding of ruminant origin meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.  
*En el país de origen existe reglamentación zoosanitaria vigente que prohíbe alimentar a los rumiantes con harinas de carne y hueso de origen rumiante.*

### **TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

The animals were tested for the following diseases with negative results within 30 days of export:

*Brucella ovis* (RAMS only): Complement fixation test; OR Elisa test.

## OTHER INFORMATION

1. All sheep intended for export shall be identified by an ear tag or tattoo.
2. All animals will be unloaded and inspected by a Mexican veterinarian at a facility in the United States at one of the following border points: Brownsville, Texas; Del Rio, Texas; Presidio, Texas; Eagle Pass, Texas; El Paso, Texas; Laredo, Texas.
3. The animals must be transported in cleaned and disinfected vehicles.
4. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate must be typewritten. Mexican Port Veterinarians will reject any certificates that are handwritten.
5. The attached bilingual certifications (Appendix 1) can be used as an attachment to the VS Form 17-140, but must be also signed by the issuing accredited veterinarian and endorsed by the Federal veterinarian.
6. NOTE: Accredited veterinarians, exporters, and brokers should be advised that Mexican animal health authorities at the ports are carefully examining all animals and will reject any animals found with lesions (particularly with oral lesions).
7. Although not part of the official requirements, Mexico recommends to the importer that the animals originate from a flock where no clinical evidence of contagious ecthyma, vibriosis, ovine progressive pneumonia, or bluetongue has been reported during the 6 months prior to the date of embarkation, and that they have not been vaccinated against contagious ecthyma during the 60 days prior to exportation.

Health Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Valid Only if the USDA Veterinary  
Seal appears Over the Certificate #)

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Signature of USDA Accredited  
Veterinarian and Date

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(Apply Seal)